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XIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Hahn updated the Board on the preneed study committee's last meeting held on December 22, 1994. The committee will recommend two pieces of legislation.

1. To permit owners of affiliated funeral homes to centralize preneed records management at a central location.
2. To permit the Department of Health Professions to petition the Court for injunction and other equitable relief.

Ms. Hahn has initiated the first step of the Request for Proposal Process, to outsource the state jurisprudence examination. She requested assistance in order to develop the scope of practice section. The Board decided to appoint the Exam Committee to oversee the R.F.P. process.

Ms. Hahn provided a general assembly update and reviewed the requirement that all legislative communication to the executive branch must be coordinated through the Secretary of Health and Human Services policy office. If the Board wants to take a position it would be best to contact John Hasty, so that your position can be clearly articulated to the Secretary's office.

 Ms. Hahn had a question regarding an apprentice serving at two establishments. The Board stated that under the Qualifying of Training Site(s) the Board shall approve only an establishment or two combined establishments to serve as the training sites. Therefore the apprentice, Craig Washington would be allowed to serve at both establishments.

The Board had asked counsel to review the regulations of the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers VR 320-01-2:1 to determine if they may be promulgated as exempt regulations. The exemption exists only when the state regulations do not differ materially from those required by federal law or regulations. Carol Nance, Assistant Attorney General, has closely reviewed the amended regulations against the federal regulations and has determined that she is unable to state that the amended regulations can be exempt from promulgation.

The Board decided to amend regulations again and resubmit to the Attorney General's office.